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1. [REDACTED] Units [REDACTED] Jueter-  
[REDACTED] bog-Altes Lager, [REDACTED] Teltow-West and [REDACTED]  
in Kummersdorf. (1)

2. Six special trains, each of four second class coaches occupied by senior  
SSC officers, came from Berlin-Karlshorst and arrived in Halle on 16 and 17  
May 1950. Family dwellings in Doenlau had to be vacated to provide billets. (2)

3. A train with 52 boxcars occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered  
black epaulets left the Neuruppin airfield toward Loewenberg on 5 June 1950.  
A military band played a farewell concert. (3)

4. A train with 53 boxcars occupied by an undetermined number of officers and  
men left Oranienburg toward Loewenberg on 5 June 1950. (3)

5. A train carrying about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, eight  
76.2-mm AA guns and about 50 trucks [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] observed at the Michstaedt railroad station on 5 June 1950. The  
train came from the direction of Stendal and headed toward Wittenberge. (4) 25X1

6. About 25 trucks carrying pontoons were entrained at the Tangerhuetten railroad  
station on 20 May 1950. The train was headed toward Magdeburg. [REDACTED]

(5)

7. An undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and  
artillery insignia, eight AA guns similar to the 88-mm German type, and about  
30 trucks were loaded on 20 boxcars and 30 flatcars at the Stendal freight

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ward on 6 June 1950.

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8. A train carrying about 150 soldiers, 21 trucks, two radio cars and ten 4-axle trailers with pneumatic tires, passed through Seddin on 3 June 1950. The train came from the direction of Jueterbog and headed toward Drewitz. (7)

9. Four freight cars loaded with unidentified military goods were dispatched from Brandenburg to Dessau-Rosslau on 4 June 1950.

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10. Six freight cars loaded with ammunition, en route from the U.S.S.R. to Toepchin via Frankfurt/Oder, were observed on 6 June 1950. Eight guarded cars, containing gasoline, were seen on the same day en route from Boehlen to Bodenhausen.

11. Sixteen freight cars loaded with ammunition, en route from the U.S.S.R. to Guesten via Frankfurt/Oder, were observed on 9 June 1950.

12. An east-bound train with boxcars and flatcars, carrying an undetermined number of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and trucks and canvas-covered devices passed through Kuehlungsborn on 7 June 1950.

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A railroad employee said that such shipments were allegedly from Herik and that they had frequently passed Kuehlungsborn. (8)

13. An AAA unit was entrained at the Frankfurt/Oder freight yard on 7 June 1950.

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14. A train carrying eight AA guns of about 76.2-mm caliber and an undetermined number of trucks, was observed passing through Frankfurt/Oder on 12 June 1950.

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15. A west-bound train of about 20 freight cars carrying prime movers, AT guns and trucks, passed through the Erfurt railroad station on 12 June 1950.

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16. Rail shipments observed on 11 June 1950 included the following:

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Shipment	From-To
One gondola car with coal	Mueckenberg to Eberswalde
One tank car containing oil	Dresden to Velten
One tank car containing oil	Dresden to Eberswalde
One tank car containing oil	Velten to Muestenbrand/Saxony

17. One boxcar loaded with unidentified cargo was dispatched from Dresden to Eberswalde, Eisenspalterei, on 12 June 1950.

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18. Rail shipments observed on 13 June 1950 included the following:

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<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From-To</u>
Three tank cars containing gasoline	Velten to Cottbus
Two tank cars containing gasoline	Velten to Finsterwalde
Two boxcars with grinding machines	Dresden-Reick to Wildau, Iowa Werke

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19. <sup>Five</sup> Freight cars loaded with vehicles were dispatched from [redacted] Peenemuende-Karlshagen, to Klotzsche airfield on 31 May 1950.

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20. Shuttle-train [redacted] consisting of 50 boxcars occupied by an undetermined number of troops, was en route from Satzkorn to Falkenberg on 2 June 1950. (12)

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21. Twenty boxcars loaded with ammunition were dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Altengrabow on 9 June 1950. [redacted]

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22. Three boxcars and 10 flatcars carrying unidentified military goods were unloaded at Dahmsdorf on 7 June 1950. [redacted] nine freight cars loaded with unidentified military goods at Brandenburg-Altstadt on the same day. [redacted]

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A train was loaded with unidentified military goods in Werder and dispatched to Werneuchen on 7 June 1950.

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23. Two freight cars were loaded with unidentified military goods [redacted] in Werder and dispatched to Werneuchen on 8 June 1950. Twenty-five freight cars loaded with unidentified military goods were dispatched [redacted] from Brandenburg-Altstadt, to Neubukow on the same day. One freight car with telegraph poles was unloaded in Drewitz, [redacted] and one freight car with unidentified military goods in Potsdam, [redacted] also on 8 June 1950.

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24. One freight car with gasoline drums was unloaded in Brandenburg-Altstadt on 9 June 1950. [redacted] Eleven freight cars with coal were unloaded at Beelitz-Heilstaetten, [redacted] and one freight car was loaded with unidentified cargo [redacted] and dispatched to Teltow-West on the same day.

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25. Rail shipments on 11 June 1950 included the following:

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<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Loaded at</u>
Two railroad cars with cables	Stahnsdorf
Three railroad cars with tractors	Werder
Seven railroad cars with military goods	Kirchmoeser and Goettin
Two railroad cars with gasoline drums	Wildpark

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26. A shuttle train of 15 boxcars occupied by an undetermined number of soldiers was en route from Rathenow to Wildpark on 14 June 1950. (3) Another shuttle train of 54 boxcars occupied by an unidentified number of soldiers en route from Cottbus to Rathenow was seen on the same day. (12)

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27. Rail shipments on 15 and 16 June 1950 included the following:

Shipment	From-To and Date
Shuttle-train [ ] of 53 boxcars and one flat-car with troops	Cottbus to Doeberitz 15 June 1950
Shuttle-train [ ] of 53 boxcars with troops	Frankfurt/Oder to Wustermark 15 June 1950
14 RR cars with military goods	to Wildpark 15 June 1950
One RR car with gasoline drums	to Werder 15 June 1950
One RR car with gasoline drums	to Brandenburg 15 June 1950
Eight RR cars with military goods	Kirchnoeser to Muellrose 15 June 1950
Shuttle-train [ ] of 52 boxcars with troops	Rathenow to Falkenberg 16 June 1950
Shuttle-train of 37 boxcars with troops	Rathenow to Wildpark 16 June 1950
12 boxcars of the above shuttle train	Wildpark to Altengrabow
46 boxcars with ammunition, [ ]	Altengrabow to Toepchin 16 June 1950

12 boxcars of the above shuttle train [ ] Wildpark to Jueterbog

28. A train carrying about 300 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, in 12 boxcars, eight 76.2-mm AA guns and an unknown number of trucks [ ] was unloaded in Frankfurt/Oder on 7 June 1950. The train came from Kroepelin. (9)

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29. About 300 troops, eighteen 37-mm AA guns and 20 motor vehicles were entrained in Frankfurt/Oder on 7 June 1950. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets and came from the Artillerie Kaserne. The train was bound for Werbig-Eberswalde [ ]

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30. A train of 15 boxcars occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying eight 76.2-mm AA guns and trucks [ ] passed through Frankfurt/Oder on 12 June 1950. The train came from the direction of Werbig and headed toward Cottbus. (10)

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31. Twenty heavy-duty flatcars, each carrying a crate containing airplane wings passed through Frankfurt/Oder on 13 June 1950. The train came from the U.S.S.R. and proceeded to an unspecified destination. [ ]

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32. Forty boxcars, each occupied by about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank and artillery insignia, and some with black-bordered light blue epaulets, passed through Frankfurt/Oder on 14 June 1950. The train came from the direction of Werbig and headed toward Cottbus.

33. A train with 50 to 55 boxcars, each occupied by about thirty soldiers 18 to 20 years old wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, passed through Frankfurt/Oder on 15 June 1950. The train came from the direction of Werbig and headed toward Cottbus. (12)

34. A shipment of 52 trucks [redacted] en route from the U.S.S.R. to Aoenigswusterhausen, passed through Frankfurt/Oder on 16 June 1950. [redacted]

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35. A train with 30 boxcars, each occupied by about 30 very young soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, passed through Frankfurt/Oder on 17 June 1950. The train came from the direction of Werbig and headed toward Cottbus. (12)

36. A train with 50 boxcars, each occupied by 25 to 30 soldiers, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and some of whom wore black-bordered light blue epaulets, passed through Frankfurt/Oder on 18 June 1950. The train came from the direction of Cottbus and headed toward Berlin. (12)

37. Forty-five boxcars loaded with ammunition, coming from the U.S.S.R. arrived in Frankfurt/Oder on 18 June 1950. The shipment was distributed as follows: 40 boxcars to Toepchin, [redacted] four boxcars to Berlin-Hummelsburg, [redacted] and one boxcar to Muellrose, [redacted]

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38. About 300 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, coming from the Wichhorn Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder, were loaded aboard the Schwerin-bound Soviet train at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 18 June 1950. Trucks [redacted] brought the soldiers from the barracks. (13)

39. Six groups, each of 60 or 65 soldiers, arrived at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 19 June 1950 and were loaded as follows: About 80 EM on the Soviet train bound for Schwerin; about 250 EM on the Soviet train bound for Magdeburg; and about 50 EM on the regular train bound for Berlin. About 90 percent of the soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and 10 percent red-bordered black epaulets. (13)

40. About 400 EM, coming from the military ramp at the Frankfurt/Oder-Ostbahnhof, were loaded at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 20 June 1950 as follows: about 50 EM on the regular train bound for Berlin, and about 350 EM on the Soviet train bound for Dresden. The soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. They were very young and had closely cropped hair. (13)

41. A shipment of about 30 new [redacted] trucks was observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 22 June 1950.

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(2) The shipments were presumably in connection with the reoccupation of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Halle, by offices from Karlshorst on and after 18 May 1950.

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(3) BN to be discharged. A total of 172 boxcars observed. Preparations for discharge were observed in Rathenow on 6 June 1950.

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(4) Elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div [redacted]

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[redacted] the troops were presumably elements of the division's AAA Regt going from Jena to the Wustrow Peninsula.

(5) The motor vehicles belonged to headquarters units of the IX and LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, to the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 207th Mtz Rifle Div [redacted]

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[redacted] Engineer troops of these units are probably training in the Tangerhuetten-Bittkau area. The movement of the Engr Bn in Hillersleben, of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, to Bittkau was observed on 25 April 1950.

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(6) Shipments of AA guns of the 3rd Gds AAA Div of the GDFG, presumably to the Wustrow Peninsula. Motor vehicles of this division were observed there during the second half of May 1950.

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(7) Two trains carrying motor vehicles [redacted] were loaded in Drewitz on 4 and 5 May 1950 and allegedly dispatched to Halle.

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[redacted] The train observed in Sedlin was presumably returning from Halle.

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(8) Return of a unit belonging to the AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, possibly the 120th AAA Regt.

(9) AAA units of the AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The departure from Frankfurt/Oder was reported by another source on 7 June 1950.

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(10) The two shipments of the 4th Gds AAA Div are presumably identical. The division is holding firing practice on the Wustrow Peninsula.

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(11) Movement of a component unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div, possibly to the Kindel training area.

(12) Incoming shipments of recruits, a total of eight trains with 380 boxcars. Reports from several Soviet Zone military posts, such as Weimar, Ludwigslust and Potsdam, stated that large shipments of recruits arrived from the U.S.S.R. in May 1950 and later. This information is confirmed [redacted]

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(13) Possibly recruits or personnel on furlough.

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